

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 19 and ending on page 3, line 20, with the following amended paragraph.

By way of indication, granules with a mean diameter D50 of greater than or equal to 60  $\mu\text{m}$  ~~60 $\mu\text{m}$~~ , advantageously of between 80  $\mu\text{m}$  and 300  $\mu\text{m}$ , are preferred.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 26 and ending on page 10, line 28, with the following amended paragraph.

The thermoplastic matrix can also comprise additives, such as pigments, delustrants, mattifying agents, catalysts, heat and/or light stabilizers, bactericides, fungicides, dyes, hydrophilic agents, hydrophobic agents, and/or acaricides.